(b) No MoU has been signed.

(c) Applicatoins of Cellular technology in the Indian Telecom. Network is of very recent origin and has still not been introduced. Though ITI has started some development in the area, the project is quite complex and has a long "cycle time".

Purchase of telecom. equipments from Multi-Nationals

1989. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI BISHAMBER NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecommunications Department is planning to purchase the telecom equipments from multi-nationals, when the same are available with ITI and BEL in India.

(b) whether there is any price difference between the telecom equipments manufactured by ITI and BEL and the multi-national companies; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons that made the Department go in for the purchase of equipments from the multinational companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir, The Department generally procures the equipment from Indian companies registered to manufacture the equipments through open tenders.

(b) The price differs from items to item and is decided through open tenders.

(c) In view of (a) question does not arise.

Non-delivery of Posts and Telegrams in Mayur Vihar

1990. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of Mayur Vihar Phase III (Kondli Gharoli) and adjoining areas of Delhi are suffering a lot due to non delivery of posts and telegrams; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) While every effort is made to maintain postal services there have been some deficiency in delivery of postal articles due to rapid housing development in many areas at the outskirts of Delhi like Mayur Vihar Phase III, Kondli and Gharoli etc. The telegraph services have, however, been found satifactory.

The remedial steps include redeployment of deliery Staff, reorganisation of delivery work and opening of a new delivery post office besides regular monitoring.

Land for staff quarters and post office at Pandharpur, Maharashtra

1991. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had reserved land for staff quarters and post office at Pandharpur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the land has been acquired/purchased for the purpose:

(c) if so, by when the construction of staff quarters is proposed to be taken up; and

(d) if the answer to (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in acquiring/purchasing the land; stating the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The construction of Staff Quarters has not yet been planned in view of (b) above.

(d) The land reserved is in excess of the requirement. Therefore, a request